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said distal end of said collar is flush with said distal end of said monofilament and said proximal end of said collar is adapted to extend toward said proximal end of said monofilament;
said proximal end of said collar comprises a flange;
said flange and said collar are concentric;
said flange includes an external diameter greater than an external diameter of said collar;
said flange is adapted to place said monofilament adjacent to an aperture in a trimming apparatus; and
said distal end of said collar is adapted to encircle a portion of said monofilament extending from said flange to said distal end of said collar.

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3. (Amended) The trimmer line of claim 1, wherein said collar comprises a hollow circular cross-section adapted to extend from said distal end of said monofilament to said flange.

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9. (Amended) A trimmer line for a trimmer comprising:

said trimmer comprising a cutting head having a housing with a first end adapted to be mounted to a drive shaft, and a second end having an elongated annular flange and an aperture in said flange extending from an interior wall to an exterior wall;

said trimmer line comprising a finite monofilament length comprising a proximal end and a distal end;

a collar mounted to said distal end of said monofilament;

said collar comprising a proximal end and a distal end, said distal end of said collar is adapted to be flush with said distal end of said monofilament, and said proximal end of said collar comprising a flange;

said flange and said collar are concentric;

said flange includes an external diameter greater than an external diameter of said collar;

and

said flange of said collar comprising a distal end and a proximal end, wherein said proximal end of said flange is adapted to be placed in communication with said interior wall of said aperture of said cutting head flange.

19. (Amended) A trimmer line for a line trimmer cutting head comprising:

said cutting head comprises a housing with a first end adapted to be mounted to a drive shaft of a line trimmer apparatus and a second end with an elongated open annular flange;

said annular flange comprises a wall with an interior side and an exterior side, and said wall includes an aperture therein adapted to extend from said interior side to said exterior side of said wall;

4 B6 said trimmer line comprising a first end adapted to be inserted through said aperture from said interior side to said exterior side of said wall;

said trimmer line comprising a second end with a collar adapted to extend from said second end to said interior side of said wall; and

said collar comprises a proximal end with a flange having an external diameter greater than a diameter of said aperture, and said flange and said collar are concentric, wherein said flange is adapted to rest against said interior side of said wall.

REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action of September 24, 2002. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

In the Official Action of September 24, 2002 the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claim 1 to remove the redundant phrase present in lines 6 and 10, and has amended claim 3 to clarify the broad language as raised by the Examiner. In addition, Applicant has canceled claims 7 and 14. Accordingly, in view of the amendment to claims 1 and 3 and the cancellation of claims 7 and 14, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to remove the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.